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SUBJECT: OBTAINING EXCESS LCU UNITS

DOTA NO.200-TT

REFERENCE YOUR TTPI NO. 264 WHICH REFERRED TO OUR LETTER OF MAY 1, 1978, ON POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING EXCESS LCU UNITS FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY IN OKINAWA AND ALSO REQUESTED CONSIDERATION OF ONE ADDITIONAL LCU OVER THE ONES REQUESTED IN YOUR MAY 10 LETTER. THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING THESE LCU'S WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH HI COM WINKEL ON ONE OF HIS RECENT TRIPS HERE AND HE INDICATED HE WISHED TO CONSULT WITH THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FIRST. DOD UP TO NOW STILL SCREENING REMAINING LCU'S FOR POSSIBLE USE BY OTHER DOD UNITS ALTHOUGH THERE IS INDICATION THAT NOT ALL MIGHT BE PICKED UP. AFTER DOD SCREENING, ANY UNITS REMAINING WOULD BE THEN PUT ON EXCESS LIST AND TTPI WOULD HAVE CHANCE TO SELECT WHEN ITS TURN CAME UP FOR SCREENING. VERY LIKELY ANY REMAINING UNITS BY THIS TIME, IF ANY, WOULD BE FAIRLY WELL CANNIBALIZED. WE DISCUSSED
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BRIEFLY ALSO WITH HIGH COM WINKEL THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH DOI MIGHT ASK FOR LOAN TO INTERIOR REPEAT LOAN OF LCU'S AND THEN, IN TURN, LOAN THEM TO THE TTPI BUT THIS WOULD INVOLVE LOAN AGREEMENTS ON SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS,

REGULAR DRYDOCKING, ETC., AND AGREEMENT TO RETURN IN FUTURE TO ARMY IN GOOD CONDITION. WE HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT

TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ANY LOAN REQUEST WITHOUT SPECIFIC
AUTHORIZATION FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER AND REQUEST HIS ADVICE
ON THIS ASPECT. FINALLY, MUCH OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD BECOME
OBSOLETE IF THE DOD PICKED UP REMAINING ITEMS BEFORE
ANY OTHER AGENCY IS ALLOWED TO SCREEN FOR THEIR EXCESS
ACQUIREMENT. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE SHOULD PROCEED FURTHER.
MRS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE, DIRECTOR, OTA, SENDS. VANCE

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